

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
MENTAL HEALTH COURT LINKAGE PROGRAM**

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY

PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER II

The **Mental Health Court Linkage Program** currently has an opening for a Psychiatric Social Worker II to work as a Court Liaison in the Court Liaison Program. This position is assigned to the Airport Court in Service Area 5.

Criminal Court Liaisons coordinate and integrate alternative sentencing and other services between numerous working partners including the courts, Jail Transition and Linkage Teams and community based Service Area Navigators, with particular focus on balancing the needs of individuals and the expectations of the judicial system. The program promotes a problem solving approach to the handling of criminal cases involving defendants with mental illness, focuses on their timely identification and emphasizes prompt return to the community. Each case provides an opportunity to educate personnel in courtrooms throughout Los Angeles County. This is a dynamic position, tailor made for individuals who excel while working independently. Responsibilities include:

- Conduct needs assessments as requested by the court
- Report findings and present “best fit” treatment alternatives
- Coordinate linkage process through disposition
- Coordinate progress reports to the court when needed
- Educate the court and the public regarding mental health
- Educate and promote mental health services
- Provide consultation to families and the court
- Provide aid wherever possible
- Coordinate alternative or aftercare plans with Jail Mental Health Services staff
- Provide information regarding criminal charges, and court processes
- Coordinate conditional releases on cases
- Provide general support and guidance to families, regardless of whether the CLP is involved in their case.
- Manage daily submission of COS other required data
- Assistance and outreach to working partners (e.g. S/A Impact meetings)

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Highly motivated, self directed
- Excellent oral, written, interpersonal and assessment skills
- Comfortable working independently.
- Adaptable and flexible.
- Experience working in the criminal justice arena a plus

Interested individuals holding title to the above position are encouraged to FAX their resume, last two (2) Performance Evaluations and last two (2) years of master time records to

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